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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1972.

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M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

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June, 1973

TO: THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report on the Health of the District for the year 1972.

The number of births registered for the year was lower than in recent years, whilst the reverse was true of the number of deaths registered. There were two still births in the year and when one is dealing with small populations the Infantile Mortality appears to be exceptionally high.

There were a number of cases of Infectious Hepatitis in the year and there were six new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Otherwise, the incidence of Infectious Diseases was low.

It is a pleasure to report the help and encouragement given to the department during the year by members and officials of the Council and appreciation must be expressed of the work of your Public Health Inspector, Mr. Wrigley.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. SAMMON

Medical Officer of Health



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	1,039
Population (Census 1971)	6,763
Population (Estimated middle 1972)	6,810
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at the end of 1972)	2,677
Rateable Value	£261,583
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£2,677

The Social conditions were generally quite good. The chief industries are manufacture of bricks and tiles, paints and chemicals, lithography and printing, hydraulic pumps and light engineering.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION: The population as estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1972 is 6,810.

BIRTHS: 104 Live Births belonging to the District occurred during 1972, as follows:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live Births -			
Legitimate	42	54	96
Illegitimate	5	3	8
	<u>47</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>104</u>
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Stillbirths -			
Legitimate	-	2	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			19
Rate for England and Wales			12
Total Live and Stillbirths			106

Comparative particulars with regard to live births over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Total Live Births	104	129	123	106	90
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 estimated pop.	15.3	19.0	18.3	16.4	14.2
Adjusted Rate	16.2	20.3	19.6	17.5	15.2
Crude Birth Rate for England and Wales					14.8
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births					8
Rate for England and Wales					9

INFANT DEATHS: All infants under 1 year of age 4

<u>INFANTILE MORTALITY:</u>	(a)	All infants per 1000 live births	38
		Rate for England and Wales	17
	(b)	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	42
		Rate for England and Wales	17
	(c)	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births	NIL
		Rate for England and Wales	21
<u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:</u>	(a)	Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	3
	(b)	Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	29
		Rate for England and Wales	12
<u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:</u>	(a)	Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age	2
	(b)	Rate per 1000 live births	19
		Rate for England and Wales	10
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY:</u>	(a)	Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age	2
	(b)	Rate per 1000 total births	38
		Rate for England and Wales	22

Comparative particulars with regard to infant mortality over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
38.0	16.0	57.0	28.0	33.0

<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY:</u>	(a)	Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	NIL
	(b)	Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	NIL

DEATHS: 133 Deaths belonging to the District occurred during 1972 as follows:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths within the Urban District	32	29	61
Deaths outside the Urban District in Hospitals, Institutions, etc.	38	34	72
	<u>70</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>133</u>
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Comparative particulars with regard to deaths over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>
Total Deaths	133	119	102	111	107
Crude Death Rate per 1000 est. population	19.5	17.6	15.2	17.2	16.9
Adjusted Rate	17.7	18.3	15.8	17.5	17.2
Crude Death Rate for England and Wales					12.1

The following table gives the ages at which deaths occurred, also the causes of all deaths belonging to Clayton-le-Moors during 1972.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 Weeks	4 wks and under 1 yr.	1- 4	5- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65- 74	75 & over	M. F.	Total	
Malignant Neoplasm Oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	
Malignant Neoplasm Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	
Malignant Neoplasm Intestine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2	3	
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	6	7	
Malignant Neoplasm Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	
Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	4	5
Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	12	12	21	13	34
Other Forms of Heart Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	3	5
Cerebrovascular Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	9	7	11	8	19
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	3	6	9
Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	5	3	8
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	4	9	3	12
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	2
Intestinal Ob- struction & Hernia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	1	2	3
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1

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CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 Weeks	4wks and under 1 yr.	1- 4	5- 14	15- 24	25- 34	35- 44	45- 54	55- 64	65- 74	75 & over	M.	F.	Total
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
All Other Accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	2	3
Suicide and Self- Inflicted Injuries	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Totals	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	8	19	45	53	70	163	133

T U B E R C U L O S I S

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1972

During the year, six new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified and these were placed on the Register. One Pulmonary case died and was struck off the Register. The number of cases on the Register at the end of December, 1972, was as follows:-

	5- 15	15- 25	25- 35	35- 45	45- 55	55- 65	Over 65	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	2	2	1	-	1	3	9
Non-Pulmonary "	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
	-	2	2	2	-	2	3	11
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VENEREAL DISEASE

Treatment is a function of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board, and inquiries or cases brought to our notice are directed to the clinic at the Royal Infirmary, Blackburn.

LABORATORY WORK

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Meadow Street, Preston. During the year, 42 faecal specimens were submitted to the Laboratory.

The Lancashire County Council provides and maintains the following with delegation to the No. 5 Divisional Health Committee, on which Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council has representation.

AMBULANCE SERVICE The district is served from the County Ambulance Station at Accrington. There are seven vehicles in all, four Ambulances and three Sitting Case cars and one ambulance provides day and night cover.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE The Infant Welfare Centre and School Clinic for the Urban District is in Church Street.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE One District Midwife is assigned to this district, namely Mrs. M. Philipson.

HOME NURSING This service is undertaken by Queen's District Nurses and a nurse attends the Loan Equipment Stores at the Clinic in Church Street on Monday to Friday every week between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Per 1,000 Estimated Population

	<u>Crude Live Birth Rate</u>	<u>Crude Death Rate</u>
Mean of 5 years 1967 - 1971	16.6	16.4
Year 1972	15.3	19.5
Year 1971	19.0	17.6
Change in 1972 on 5 yrs average 1967 - 1971	-1.3	+3.1
Change on previous year	-3.7	+1.9

	<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE</u> per 1,000 <u>Live Births</u>	<u>DEATH RATE</u> per 1,000 Live and <u>Stillbirths</u>	<u>DEATH RATE</u> of Infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 <u>Live Births</u>
Mean of 5 years 1967 - 1971	NIL	NIL	30.8
Year 1972	NIL	NIL	38.0
Year 1971	NIL	NIL	16.0
Increase or decrease in 1972 on 5 yrs average 1967 - 1971	NIL	NIL	+7.2
Change on previous year	NIL	NIL	+22.0

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>
1959	97	85	6,800
1960	112	97	6,790
1961	107	90	6,440
1962	117	87	6,510
1963	103	102	6,510
1964	118	98	6,400
1965	90	86	6,400
1966	100	80	6,340
1967	104	96	6,340
1968	90	107	6,330
1969	106	111	6,440
1970	123	102	6,720
1971	129	119	6,780
1972	104	133	6,810

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1972

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES	Under 1 yr.	1- 3	3- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 25	25- 65	OVER 65	Total cases rem'd to Hosp.	Deaths in Hosp. of pers. belg. to District
Dysentery	7	-	-	-	1	-	1	5	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	14	-	-	-	6	1	2	5	-	-	-
Measles	56	3	8	10	32	1	1	1	-	-	-
	77	3	8	10	39	2	4	11	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLIES Clayton-le-Moors is supplied with a constant supply of water from the mains of the Calder Water Board and there were no new sources of supply during the year. The water is of good quality and in good supply. All dwelling houses within the District are supplied direct from public mains.

SUPPLIES TO HOUSES The number of houses supplied direct from public mains is 2,718.

WATER SAMPLING Number of Bacteriological examinations --- 8

Public Mains Results:- All 8 satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATHS There is no Swimming Bath within the District.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL The sewage is carried by gravity feed to the Disposal Works, just outside the District Boundary, at Great Harwood. Treatment is by means of sedimentation and filtration. The effluent from the works is discharged into the River Calder.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION

Number of Privy Middens NIL

Number of Pail Closets NIL

Number of Fresh Water Closets 2,886

Number of Waste Water Closets 390

Conversions during the year

Number of Pail Closets to fresh water closets	NIL
Number of Waste Water Closets to fresh water closets	11
Number of Waste Water Closets abolished	34
Number of Houses on the water carriage system	2,718

Chief Sanitary Requirements of the District

The conversion of all waste water closets to the fresh water system. The Council pay a grant of £18 for each conversion.

PUBLIC CLEANSING This is carried out by direct labour with a Karrier 'Standard' 18 cubic yard Fore and Aft Semi-Compression vehicle manned by a driver and five collectors. Domestic and trade refuse is collected weekly.

All refuse was disposed of on the Council's tip until 13th May, 1972. On and after the 15th May all domestic refuse has been delivered into the incineration plant of the Borough of Accrington.

Number of moveable dustbins 3,218

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1972 (Including Housing)

Number of Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	297
Number of Premises visited	..	..	..	..	..	1,392
Number of Visits made	..	..	..	..	..	1,719
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	..	..	..	..	..	139
Number of defects remedied	..	..	..	..	..	112
Number of Notices served (Statutory)	..	..	..	..	..	2
Number of Notices served (Informal)	..	..	..	..	..	95

Number of inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses - Public Health Act	..	..	..	..	..	47
Houses - Housing Act	..	..	..	..	..	24
Houses - Improvement Grants	..	..	..	..	..	232
Shops Act, 1950	..	..	..	..	..	24
Clean Air Act	..	..	..	..	..	6
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	..	..	..	..	..	174
Re-visits to property	..	..	..	..	..	201
Factories	..	..	..	..	..	33
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	21
Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	12
Fish Fryers	..	..	..	..	..	19
Domestic Refuse Collection	..	..	..	..	..	236
Trade Refuse Collection	..	..	..	..	..	39
Refuse Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	71
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	11
Street Cleansing	..	..	..	..	..	197
Smoke observations	..	..	..	..	..	2
Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	31
Greengrocers and Fish	..	..	..	..	..	17
Snack Bars	..	..	..	..	..	5
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	..	..	16
Other Food Shops	..	..	..	..	..	13
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	..	..	..	..	..	51
Yards and Passages	..	..	..	..	..	58
Drainage	..	..	..	..	..	93
Canteens	..	..	..	..	..	2
Water Supply	..	..	..	..	..	9
Vermin	..	..	..	..	..	4
Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	57
Noise Abatement	1
Pet Animals Act, 1952	2
Day Nurseries	2
Civic Amenities Act, 1967	9

1,719
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Interviews	587
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DISINFESTATION

Thirty-four dwellings were treated during the year, 30 for cockroach infestation and 4 for beetles. The treatments were carried out by the Council's service company.

CAMPING SITES AND
MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no caravans or sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, and no licenses have been applied for under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

H O U S I N G

CONDITION

The majority of the houses are stone built and of the terraced type. This type of property is on an average 70/80 years old and, in general, quite well maintained, due to the fact that quite a large percentage of them are owner occupied. However, some of the Landlords of tenanted property only carry out the minimum amount of maintenance and a careful check is kept on these properties.

NEW BUILDINGS

During the year, 37 houses were completed by private enterprise.

OVER-CROWDING

No new cases were reported during the year.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts. 71
- (b) Number of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose. 138
- (c) Number of dwellings found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit. 20
2. Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:-
 - (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) 24
 - (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 28

<u>HOUSES DEMOLISHED</u>	Houses Demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas:			
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	20	70	24
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement etc.	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Houses on land acquired under S.43 (2), Housing Act, 1957	2	7	2
Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or 17(i), Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-

Unfit Houses Closed:	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.	NIL	NIL	NIL
(ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957.	NIL	NIL	NIL

Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:

	<u>By Owner</u>
(i) After informal action by Local Authority	91
(ii) After formal notice under	
(a) Public Health Acts	2
(b) Sections 9 and 16, Housing Act, 1957	NIL
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	NIL

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and Housing Act, 1969 - Improvement Grants, etc:

Action during year:	<u>No. of dwellinghouses or other Buildings affected in schemes of</u>		
	<u>Owner Occupied</u>	<u>Others</u>	<u>Local Authority</u>
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	75	3	NIL
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	65	3	NIL
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry	NIL	NIL	NIL
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	NIL	NIL	NIL
(v) Work completed	19	NIL	NIL
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above	NIL	2	NIL
Total grant paid	£11,396.00		

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and Housing Acts, 1961, 1964 and 1969 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:	<u>Owner Occupied</u>	<u>Others</u>
(i) Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement		
(a) Full Standard	26	18
(b) Reduced Standard	-	-
(ii) Applications approved by Local Authority for improvement		
(a) Full Standard	24	18
(b) Reduced Standard	-	-
(iii) Total applications approved by Local Authority	24	18
(iv) Work completed	36	13
(v) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings	NIL	NIL

	<u>1972</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of applications received	44	677
Number approved	42	663
Number refused	2	14

Work Completed During 1972 - Standard Grants

Baths	41
Wash-hand Basins	41
Sinks	7
Hot water supply to bath	41
Hot water supply to wash-hand basin	41
Hot water supply to sink	40
Water Closet	49

Grants Paid

Total Grant Paid	£12,174.00
Number Paid	49

COUNCIL HOUSE APPLICATIONS

At the end of the year, there were 236 applicants on the Council's housing list and 147 of such applications are from persons residing outside the district. 78 of the applications are from old age pensioners, 34 of whom reside outside the district.

Number of Houses erected under the various acts:-

Housing Act, 1924	50
Housing Act, 1930	18
Housing Act, 1936	18
Housing Act, 1946	167
Housing Act, 1957	29
Housing Act, 1967	112
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RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for certificates have been received during the year.

HOUSING ACT, 1969

There were no applications for Qualification Certificates during 1972.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES

There are no public or private slaughterhouses in operation within the District.

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT ETC.) REGULATIONS, 1959 AND 1963

Ten producer samples were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Preston. All these samples were reported to be Provisional Grade 1.

FOOD POISONING

There were no confirmed cases of Food Poisoning during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1970

The number of Food Premises by type of business in the District at the end of 1972 was as follows:-

<u>Type of business</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>
General grocers and provision dealers	26	31
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	8	17
Meat Shops (butchers, cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	5	21
Bakers and/or confectioners	5	12
Fried fish shops	7	19
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice cream	5	13
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes and snack bars	18	23

POULTRY INSPECTION There are no poultry processing plants within the District.

FOODSTUFFS The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed:-

<u>Type of Food</u>	<u>Quantity Condemned</u>
Tinned Fruit	869 lbs.
Jars of Sauce	13 "
Dessicated Coconut	100 "
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	982 lbs.
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD SAMPLING

The Assistant County Health Officers obtained 19 samples comprising 16 milk (3 of which were Channel Islands Milk) and 3 other samples as follows:-

- 1 Ice Cream
- 1 Asmapax Tablets
- 1 Franol Tablets

The County Analyst gave a satisfactory report on all the above mentioned samples.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

	Number on Register	Number of		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	4	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	36	27	1	-
3. Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	1	2	-	-
Total	46	33	1	-

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness(S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding(S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature(S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation(S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outworkers - Nil

SHOPS ACT, 1950 AND 1965

Classification of Shops as shown in the Register

Antiques	1
Boots, shoes	1
Baby Linen	1
Butchers	5
Cafe	1
Chemist	2
Confectioners	5
Cycle dealers	1
Draper	2
Dyers and cleaners	1
Fancy goods	1
Fish fryers	7
Florist	1
General dealer	2
Greengrocers	8
Grocers	20
Hairdressers - gentlemen	3
Hairdressers - ladies	5
Hardware	4
Household furnishers	2
Mixed (mainly grocery)	5
Newsagent	4
Optician	1
Outfitters - Ladies and Gentlemen	1
Off-Licence	1
Paint and wallpaper	3
Post office and stationery	2
Petrol and oil	2
Pet shop and pet foods	1
Public houses	13
Sweets and tobacco	6
Television and radio	1
Handymen's supplies	1

In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act were delegated to the Public Health Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties, 24 visits were undertaken.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952

One person has been licensed for the keeping of pets for sale.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

There are no such establishments in the district.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

No. of plants licensed at 1st April, 1972	NIL
No. of plants licensed during the year	NIL
No. of licenses cancelled or revoked	NIL
No. of inspections	NIL
No. of prosecutions	NIL

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms

The farm properties in the district are visited at intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Action relating to rodent control during the year:-

	Type of Property	
	Non-agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	3172	8
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	107	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by - rats	59	-
" " " " " - mice	34	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats/mice for reasons other than notification	65	2
(e) No. of (d) infested by - rats	7	1
" " " " " - mice	3	-

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

There are no Smoke Control Areas in operation within the District at the present time.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

No. of registered premises at end of year:-

Offices	13
Retail Shops	17
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	9
Fuel storage depots	-

No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises 51

No. of registered premises which received general inspection 17

No. of exemptions current at end of year NIL

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

One workshop is registered for storage under this Act.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SOCIAL WELFARE

The Health Department continues to be available for liaison work. The principle activity has been to provide contact with the Home Help Organiser. Several cases were dealt with.

Three cases of aged persons needing care were investigated and passed to the proper authority.

STREET CLEANSING

The sweeping of all roads in the district is carried out by a Johnston Suction Cleaner, purchased by the Council in May 1970. The cleansing of gullies is also undertaken by this machine.
